

line 23, delete "a" (second occurrence); change "a" (third occurrence) to -- the --;

line 24, after "as", insert -- a --; change ", and this" to --. This --.

**Page 2**, line 1, change "with" to -- of --; change "a" (first occurrence) to -- the --;

line 2, delete "a";

line 3, change "for use" to -- used --;

line 5, after "method", insert -- a comma --;

line 7, after "light", insert a comma;

line 12, change "process" to -- step --;

line 17, change "the other" to -- a --;

line 19, delete "to be the";

line 20, change "process" to -- step --;

line 22, change "although, of course," to -- while --; delete "which";

line 23, after "product", insert -- which --; delete "to be", delete "in"; after "blank", insert a comma;

line 24, after "product", insert a comma; delete "to be";

line 25, delete "in".

**Page 3**, line 3, after "membrane", insert -- 12 --;

line 5, after "material", insert a comma;

line 6, after "(Ta)", insert a comma;

line 7, after "radiation", insert a comma;

line 8, change "For the" to -- One example of a --;

line 9, change “, for example,” to -- is --; change “method is used” to -- example --;

line 10, change “That is, a” to -- A --;

line 14, after “area”, insert a comma;

line 15, after “12”, insert a comma;

line 17, delete “so as”;

line 18, change “by” to -- using --;

line 19, after “acid,”, insert -- and --;

**Page 4**, line 1, after “range”, insert a comma; change “The” to -- these --;

line 4, change “a” to -- the --;

line 5, delete “can become”;

line 6, delete “a”;

line 7, delete “a”;

line 9, delete “becomes”;

line 10, change “in order” to -- so --;

line 12, change “to cause no” to -- to not have --;

line 16, delete “the” (second occurrence);

line 18, change “a” (second occurrence) to -- the --;

line 19, delete “A” (first occurrence); change “surface” to -- Surface --; delete “a” (second occurrence);

line 23, change “causes” to -- has --.

**Page 5**, line 2, change “for the general use” to -- generally --;

line 3, change "the SIC film" to -- it --;

line 5, delete "due to a crystalline structure"; change "For" to -- To --; change smoothing of  
to -- smooth --;

line 7, change "The" to -- In --;

line 8, after "method", insert a comma; delete "is the technique in which";

line 9, after "resist", insert a comma;

line 10, delete "the" (first occurrence); change "The" (second occurrence) to -- For --;

line 11, after "polishing", insert a comma; delete "is the method in which";

line 13, change "an" to -- the --;

line 14, change "the" to -- a --;

line 16, change "a" to -- the --;

line 20, delete "the" (first and second occurrences);

line 21, delete "an";

line 22, delete "the";

line 25, after "by", insert -- in --;

**Page 6**, line 2, change "a" to -- the --;

line 3, delete "thus the position precision";

line 5, delete "to";

line 15, after "blank", insert a comma;

line 16, after "suppressed", insert a comma;

line 18, change "the" (first occurrence) to -- a--;

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**Page 7**, line 5, change "the" to -- a --;

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line 8, change "on" to -- of --;

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line 10, change "the" to -- a --;

✓  
line 14, change "the" (first occurrence) to -- a --;

✓  
line 18, change "the" (first occurrence) to -- a --;

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**Page 8**, line 2, delete "would", change "cause" to -- causes --;

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line 3, after "film", insert a comma; delete "a";

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line 6, delete "the" (first occurrence); change "Now, assuming" to -- Assuming --;

✓  
line 7, delete "the" (first occurrence);

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line 12, change "Preferably," to -- Therefore, preferably, --;

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line 22, change "whereby" to -- so that --;

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line 25, change "herein used" to -- used herein --;

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**Page 9**, line 2, delete "More specifically,"; change "preferably" to -- Preferably --; change "a" to -- its --;

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line 4, change "variation" to -- variations --;

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line 8, after "to", insert -- a --; after "means", insert a comma;

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line 9, after "cloth", insert a comma; after "to", insert -- uniformly --;

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line 10, delete ", whereby the substrate can be uniformly polished";

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line 14, delete "That is, the"; change "method" to -- Methods --;

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line 17, change "during" to -- while --;

✓  
line 18, delete "the"; change "variation" to -- variations --; change "is caused" to -- result --;

line 22, delete "the" (second occurrence);

line 24, change "the" to -- a --;

line 25, change "the" to -- a --; change "diamond" to -- diamonds --.

**Page 10**, line 4, change "the" to -- a--;

line 5, change "the" to -- a--;

line 8, change "the" to -- a--;

line 10, change "the" to -- a--; delete "is" (second occurrence);

line 13, after "film", insert -- is --; change "of" to -- by --;

line 15, delete "is";

line 16, delete "be"; after "also", insert -- be --;

line 17, delete "the";

**Page 11**, line 10, after "embodiments", insert -- of the present invention --;

line 14, change "In the first place," to -- First, --;

**Page 12**, line 6, change "on" to -- of --;

line 7, change "at" to -- of --;

line 10, delete "an";

line 11, change "resultant" to -- resulting --;

line 19, change "Sputter" to -- The sputter --; delete "an";

line 20, delete "a";

line 22, delete "so as"; delete "thereby";

line 24, change "of" to -- having --;

N.E. line 25, change "a" (first occurrence) to -- the --.

**Page 13**, line 1, after "Technology)", insert -- and is --;

line 9, change "may be" to -- is --;

line 10, change "is the gas in which" to -- has --; delete "is";

line 12, change ", thereby obtaining the" to -- . An --;

line 13, change "of the" to -- having a --; after "less", insert -- is then obtained --;

line 14, change "A" to -- The --; change "dealt" to -- used --;

line 21, after "area", insert a comma;

line 22, after "12", insert a comma;

line 23, change "by the use of" to -- using --; after "as", insert -- the --;

line 24, change "A" to -- The --;

line 25, change "by" to -- using --; delete "constituted".

**Page 14**, line 2, after "formed", insert a comma;

line 9, change "a" (second occurrence) to -- the --;

line 10, change "and" to -- which is --;

line 13, change "In the first place," to -- First, --;

line 14, delete "the" (second occurrence);

line 15, change "The" to -- A --;

line 25, change "the" to -- a --; change "particle" to -- particles --.

Page 15, line 1, change "the" to -- an --;

line 2, change "the" to -- a--;

line 3, change ", whereby the" to -- . The --;

line 4, change "the surface of the" to -- a --;

line 5, delete "in terms of";

line 6, change "the" (first occurrence) to -- a--;

line 7, delete "moveover,";

line 11, change "the" (first occurrence) to -- a--;

line 12, change ", whereby the" to -- . The --;

line 14, change "When the", to -- The --;

line 16, after "as", insert -- for --; change ", the" to -- . The --;

line 18, change "dealt" to -- used --;

line 19, delete "the".

Page 16, line 1, after "W/cm<sup>2</sup>", insert a comma;

line 4, change "the" (second occurrence) to -- a --;

line 5, change "When the" to -- The --;

line 6, change "the" (second occurrence) to -- and has a --;

line 7, change "is" (first occurrence) to -- of --;

line 8, change "dealt" to -- used --; delete "the";

line 12, change " the" to -- a --;

line 14, change "is the gas in which" to -- has --; delete "of"; delete "is" (second occurrence);

line 15, after "W/cm<sup>2</sup>", insert a comma;

line 17, change "the" to -- a--;

line 18, change "dealt" to -- used --; delete "the".

**Page 17**, line 1, after "surface", insert a comma; delete "and";

line 2, after "12", insert a comma; delete "the" (first occurrence); change "by the use of" to -- using" --;

line 4, delete "so as";

line 5, change "by" to -- with --;

line 7, after "formed", insert a comma;

line 8, change "the" (first occurrence) to -- an --;

line 9, delete "the" (second occurrence);

line 11, change "is" to -- was --;

line 12, after "precision", insert -- was --;

line 13, delete "is"; change "and" to -- which is --;

line 21, change "That is, the" to -- The --;

line 22, change "the" to -- a --;

line 23, delete "the";

line 24, change "the" (first occurrence) to -- a --;

line 25, change ", whereby the" to -- . The --.

**Page 18**, line 2, change "whereby" to -- and the --; after "of", insert -- the --;

line 3, after "into", insert -- a --;

line 4, delete "a"; after "increased", insert a comma;



line 5, delete "can be";

line 13, delete "As a result,"; change "the stress" to -- The resulting stress --;

line 17, delete "As a result,"; change "the stress" to -- The resulting stress --;

line 18, change "and" to -- which --;

line 21, after "embodiment", insert a comma;

line 25, delete "That is,"; change "unlike" to -- Unlike --.

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(which one)*

**Page 19**, line 2, change "the" to -- this --;

line 7, delete "As a result,"; change "the stress" to -- The resulting stress --;

line 11, delete "As a result,"; change "the stress" to -- The resulting stress --;

line 15, delete "As a result,"; change "the stress" to -- The resulting stress --;

line 16, change "and" to -- which --.

**Page 20**, line 1, after "boride", insert a comma;

line 7, after "substrate", insert a comma;

line 8, change "That is," to -- Accordingly, --;

line 10, delete "the" (second occurrence); change "blank" to -- blanks --.

#### **IN THE ABSTRACT:**

**Page 23**, line 3, delete "Disclosed are"; change "an" (first occurrence), to -- An --.

#### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows: